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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
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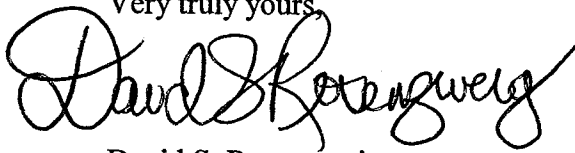
Re: D.T.E. 03-121, NSTAR Electric Standby Rate Tariffs

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is an original and nine (9) copies of NSTAR Electric's responses to the Information Request and Record Request on the accompanying list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David S. Rosenzweig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David S. Rosenzweig

Enclosures

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer
John Cope-Flanagan, Hearing Officer
Service List

Responses to Information Requests and Record Requests

Information Request TEC-3-18
Record Request WMICG-1

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

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Boston Edison Company)	
Cambridge Electric Light Company)	D.T.E. 03-121
Commonwealth Electric Company)	
d/b/a NSTAR Electric)	
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served the foregoing documents upon the service list in the above-docketed proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 220 C.M.R. 1.05.



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Dated: May 10, 2004

Information Request TEC-3-18

Please provide a copy of NSTAR's most recent econometric-based load forecast for non-residential customers.

Response

The most recent load forecast for non-residential customers, which was performed in the second half of 2003, is shown below (all data are expressed in gigawatthours):

<u>Boston Edison</u>			<u>Commonwealth Electric</u>		
	Non-Residential	Total		Non-Residential	Total
	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Sales</u>		<u>Sales</u>	<u>Sales</u>
2004	10,888	15,446	2004	2,146	4,206
2005	11,331	15,719	2005	2,184	4,261
2006	11,393	15,841	2006	2,220	4,321
2007	11,560	16,106	2007	2,256	4,374
2008	11,818	16,436	2008	2,291	4,434
<u>Cambridge Electric</u>			<u>NSTAR</u>		
	Non-Residential	Total		Non-Residential	Total
	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Sales</u>		<u>Sales</u>	<u>Sales</u>
2004	1,486	1,681	2004	14,520	21,333
2005	1,567	1,764	2005	15,082	21,744
2006	1,652	1,851	2006	15,265	22,013
2007	1,719	1,919	2007	15,535	22,399
2008	1,767	1,969	2008	15,876	22,838
Non-Residential = Commercial, Industrial, Streetlighting, MWRA					
Total Sales include Wholesale (BECO)					

Record Request WMICG-1 (Tr. 6, at 1133)

Please provide the distribution-substation cost on an annual per-kW basis and the local distribution-facilities costs on a per-contract-demand basis in the Rochester Gas and Electric tariff, for the various categories within SC-8. Please also provide the customer-related costs, which are on a per-customer basis, for the various categories within SC-8.

Response

Please refer to the responses to Information Request AG-2-5, Attachment 1. Annual distribution substation costs can be computed from the information on Exhibit 36, Schedule B, pp. 43-45 of 59, by multiplying the figures on the "Distribution Substation" lines by 4 (the number of months in the summer season). Annual local distribution facilities costs *per customer* are shown on Exhibit 36, Schedule B, p. 34 of 59 (line 15). These costs, expressed in terms of cost per kW of contract demand, are not available because facilities costs were not computed on a per-kW basis. They were computed on a per-customer basis as described in Exhibit 36, Schedule B, p. 14 of 59. Dr. Parmesano does not have the kW billing quantities for these customer groups and therefore cannot recompute the rates on a per-kW basis. Annual customer-related costs are on Exhibit 36, Schedule B, p. 36 of 59, line 16.